

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 875  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Millersville Police Officer Jimmy Jones for heroic actions resulting in his award of the Legion of Honor (Purple Heart Award).

WHEREAS, our nation is singularly blessed to be served by countless brave men and women who, through their service in law enforcement agencies, protect our persons and property while putting their own life and limb at risk, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding law enforcement officer is Millersville Police Officer Jimmy Jones, who, last November 18, was attempting to assist a family whose vehicle was stranded on the left side of Interstate 65, southbound, due to a blown out tire; Officer Jones had parked his vehicle some thirty yards away from the stranded car to act as a buffer against oncoming traffic; and

WHEREAS, as Officer Jones was helping with the tire, two eighteen wheelers came down the ridge in the left lane; the first truck slowed and attempted to move to the right lane, but was rear-ended by the second truck, and was pushed into Officer Jones's vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jones's vehicle was knocked into the stranded vehicle, which hit him, knocking Officer Jones over the guard rail and breaking his leg; before the impact, as shown by video tape from his patrol car, Officer Jones was able to push the driver of the stranded vehicle out of harm's way before the impact; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Jones, a patient service coordinator in the Urology Department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and wife of Officer Jones, contacted the American Police Hall of Fame to nominate him for its Purple Heart Award; and

WHEREAS, the American Police Hall of Fame's Purple Heart Award is given to officers who, while performing their duties, are injured and require medical attention and are off duty for

more than three days; the American Police Hall of Fame awarded Officer Jones not only the Purple Heart Award, but the Outstanding Commendation given for an outstanding act in the performance of duties, and the Knights of Justice Award given for following the biblical act of Good Samaritan in assisting the community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jones, who has at least three more months of rehabilitation, has been the beneficiary of considerable financial and moral support from local businesses and the community; because of efforts by his wife, he was unaware of being nominated for the awards until their presentation, and he has also been nominated for Police Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jones has served with gallantry, courage and unswerving dedication to duty, and deserves proper recognition for his heroism; and

WHEREAS, Millersville Police Officer Jimmy Jones performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Officer Jimmy Jones of the Millersville Police Department for the much deserved honors that he has received for his heroic action on November 18, 2003, and offer our thanks for his dedication to duty as a law enforcement officer and public guardian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer him our heartiest wishes for a speedy recovery and much happiness and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.